

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 103

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

9 WHEREAS, the United States and Canada have one of the largest trading relationships in the world. Canada is the United States' largest export market, valued at \$320 billion in goods and services, and the United States is Canada's largest export market, valued at \$308 billion in goods and services; and

14 WHEREAS, free, fair, open, and mutually beneficial trade between our two countries will continue to strengthen the economies of both countries; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2016, trade between the United States and Canada totaled over \$1.7 billion in goods and services every day, supporting nine million jobs in the United States and 2.1 million jobs in Canada; and

20 WHEREAS, in the more than 20 years since the United States, Canada, and Mexico entered into the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), North American trade has tripled from \$340 billion in 1993 to \$1.2 trillion in 2016; and

24 WHEREAS, on March 1, 2018, the United States announced tariffs on steel and aluminum, initially granting waivers to Canada and Mexico; and

26 WHEREAS, on June 30, 2018, the United States revoked the waivers, levying tariffs on both Canada and Mexico; and

28 WHEREAS, on July 1, 2018, Canada imposed retaliatory tariffs on United States products totaling \$12.8 billion, and on July 5, 2018, Mexico imposed retaliatory tariffs on United States products worth \$3 billion; and

31 WHEREAS, North American integration under NAFTA has helped to make the region more competitive in the world economy by providing highly integrated and valuable supply chains, common rules, and harmonized regulations that increase the speed and global competitiveness of our businesses, driving investment and imbedding value in each others' economic success, and providing jobs in North American communities that depend on efficient and effective supply chains; and

38 WHEREAS, Canada and Mexico are, respectively, the no. 1 and no. 3 export markets for United States agricultural products; and

40 WHEREAS, since NAFTA was signed in 1992, agricultural exports from the United States have increased from \$8.7 billion in 1992 to \$39 billion in 2017; and

1           WHEREAS, Canada was Idaho's largest trade partner in 2017, with total  
2 exports exceeding \$845 million and total imports exceeding \$1 billion; and

3           WHEREAS, Canada, Mexico, and the United States have, in signing the  
4 United States, Mexico, and Canada Agreement (USMCA), agreed to make targeted  
5 improvements to NAFTA that build on the enormously successful North American  
6 partnership and our shared competitiveness in the global marketplace.

7           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
8 sion of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Repre-  
9 sentatives concurring therein, that we support the ratification of USMCA and  
10 urge Congress to ratify the agreement as soon as possible.

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage President Trump's administra-  
12 tion to renew its original waiver on steel and aluminum tariffs for Canada  
13 and Mexico.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on Canada and Mexico to remove retal-  
15 iatory tariffs on all United States goods and services.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she  
17 is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to  
18 the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the  
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and to the congres-  
20 sional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the  
21 United States.